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The Chicago Tribune.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1871.

THE LEGAL-TENDER DECISION.

The Supreme Court of the United States has reversed its former decision on the legal-tender question, and now holds by a majority of five votes to four, that the Legal-Tender act had a lawful *ex post facto* operation, so as to make contracts entered into prior to its enactment payable in legal-tender currency, instead of being collectable in gold. For the issue of the decision we care little, although we think it was right. Chief Justice Chase, and Judges Nelson, Clifford, and Field constitute of their former opinion. They were the majority of the court then, and are the majority now. The little side-issue with the decision is reversed. It is impossible to suppose that the mere argument has persuaded anybody. It was the reorganization of the court which has in fact reversed the decision of the former judgment. The reorganization was effected, not merely by the filling of the vacancy left by Judge Grier, but also by the addition of another Judge to the bench.

It is said that this change was made, its object was currently stated to be to reverse this decision. The two new Judges who were appointed, were appointed presumptively through the direct and indirect influence of the two leading corporations (the Pennsylvania Central and Camden & Amboy) who have the largest pecuniary stake in the decision. It is unlikely that to pay in greenbacks the interest and principal of their bonds, which, but for this reversal, they would have been compelled to pay in gold.

This allegation may be true or false. It was currently reported and believed when the new Judges were appointed, and odor was had in the village by the fact that the Attorney-General moved for a reopening of the question immediately after their appointment. But, even if true, this is not the worst feature of the case. The worst feature is that, if decisions of the court of last resort are liable to be reversed within one year after they are rendered, we have no longer any solid ground under our feet. Cursed be he that removeth the landmark; it is as old and as just saying. The court ought, for the sake of its own dignity and permanence, for the sake of the great principles of jurisprudence upon which human society rests, to have stood by its decision. This was incontrovertibly the Judges who were in the minority last year, equally with those who were in the majority, and even more than upon the new Judges. We fear that the public credit will receive a severe shock by this evidence of instability in the place, of all others, where we have been accustomed to look for stability, permanency, security. The mere dollars and cents involved in the decision are of small moment, but the feeling of insecurity and unrest which it is calculated to inspire is indeed deplorable.

It is hardly to be supposed that the new decision will be a finality. If decisions are to be changed by the addition of Judges to the court, there is no reason why the process should stop here, or why it should be confined to the legal-tender question. Interest except the forbearance of parties strong enough to make and unmake Judges and courts. The Force bill which has just passed Congress is, in our judgment, an alarming departure from the principles engrafted in the constitution, but, alas! it is a law which the people can easily change. The reversal of the Supreme Court's decisions is the matter in a far more serious fashion.

TAMMANY HALL.

A writer in the New York Tribune calls the attention of the public to the fact that Tammany Hall now reigns supreme in the State and city of New York, and that the property of both, and the liberty of both, are at the mercy of that gigantic and merciless organization. This is not an overdrawn picture. The Democratic party in the State of New York is like a well-disciplined army of bandits under the command of desperate and unscrupulous leaders. Tammany Hall is the centre of power and authority. In enemies has been regular, though rapid. Its grasp of supreme power was at first resisted by various minor Democratic organizations, and even by a portion of the party; but, by the energy of that great and merciless organization, this

THE LAW COURTS.

Damages Awarded Against an Ex-Sheriff.

A Busy Day in the Police Courts.

Superior Court.

TUESDAY—Present, Judge Tuthill.

An action of trespass by Lester S. Larson against John L. Beckwith and others came to the end of Mr. Ward, who claimed that the defendants had taken his property under a writ of attachment issued against the property of Mr. Ward's father, and that they had sold it to satisfy the claim. The defendants claimed that the property was the property of the father, and that the sale was made under a valid attachment. The jury found for the plaintiff, and assessed the damages at $1,000. And, under the law, the defendants should obtain their full share of the $1,000.

The Conservative vote, 144,000 in

SALES UNDER POWERS.

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Governor Palmer's Veto of the Bill to Investigate Its Management and Condition.

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REAL ESTATE.

ERIE.

Mr. Southmayd's Long Chase After the Missing Shares—Tracing the President—Another Promising Trail that Led to Nothing—Mr. Gould Catechised.

From the New York World, April 21.

Mr. Jay Gould, President of the Erie Railway Company, appeared promptly at 1 o'clock yesterday, in answer to the summons calling him before the referee in charge of the investigation concerning the English shares. The object of bringing up Mr. Gould as a witness was to enable Mr. Southmayd, as to the cause of the failure to comply with the order requiring the production of the Erie transfer books and the stock ledger.

Before swearing Mr. Gould, Mr. Southmayd desired to call another witness for the purpose of proving the irregularity of cancelling 30,000 shares of Erie Railway stock without having the same registered by the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company—the regular registrar; for all Erie stock issued since 1868 is therefore called. Mr. B. Ogden White, formerly of the New York Stock Exchange, who was provided with a printed copy of the constitution and by-laws of that association.

RULES OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

The witness was asked to read article third of the by-laws, which is as follows:

"The Stock Exchange will not call or deal in any active speculation, or in any security, a registry of whose stock is not kept; some responsible bank, trust company, or other as Transfer Agency, and which shall give public notice at the time of establishing such registry of the number of shares so authorized to be registered, and shall not give at least thirty days' notice through the newspapers, and in writing to the President of the Stock Exchange, of any intended increase of the number of shares, either direct or through the issue of convertible bonds, and shall not at the same time give notice of the object for which such issue of stock or bonds is about to be made."

Mr. Southmayd contended that the Erie Railway Company had violated this rule in not having the 30,000 shares registered in the usual way.

Mr. Pierrepont asked the witness if he had not known many instances wherein unregistered stock had been offered at the Stock Exchange, and cited the case of the "Rock Island," "Wabash," and several others.

The witness could call to mind only one instance, distinctly, that of the Rock Island certificate, and he thought that error was rectified before any transactions in the new stock had been effected.

Mr. Amos D. Williams, of the firm of A. D. Williams & Co., brokers, 45 Wall street, was next called as a witness by Mr. Southmayd. He said he was a member of the New York Stock Exchange, and was familiar with the calling and delivering of stock; if a certificate issued by the Erie and Trust Company became the registrars of Erie stock, no Erie certificate would be considered good unless registered by them. Such certificates would not be marketable, and if one was delivered to him he would not pay for it.

Mr. Pierrepont. Look at this Erie certificate, No. 108,199, for 100 shares, and tell me if it is not a genuine, just as it stands, if unmutilated, would not pass with you in the Stock Exchange.

Mr. Williams. I don't think it would.

The following colloquy between Mr. Gould as the President of the Erie Railway Company, was here put in evidence:

[Green Bag Extract.]

New York, Nov. 1, 1872.

E. G. Fabian, Esq., President Pacific Union Express Co.:

DEAR SIR: The railway is a national, [illegible]

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

MONDAY EVENING, April 24.

A rumor which comes from Pittsburgh, regarding an important railroad purchase, throws some light upon the contest now going on between the Baltimore & Ohio and Pennsylvania Companies, and also upon the recent rise in the price of Cleveland & Pittsburgh stock. The Pittsburgh & Connellsville Road, which runs from Pittsburgh in a southeast direction toward a northern branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Road at Cumberland, has been owned by the Erie Company, and stock was lately offered by them to the Pennsylvania Company at 127½. The latter company, however, evidently did not consider that 135, and the Erie managers offered it to the Baltimore & Ohio, which company, we rumor says, purchased it. The Pittsburgh & Connellsville Company have eight miles of road, and need to build a road in a northwest direction to Rochester, twenty-six miles, where a junction could be made with the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Road, the line of which terminates at Rochester (the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Company rent of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago a track from Rochester to Pittsburgh). thus making a direct short line route from Baltimore via Cumberland, Connellsville, Pittsburgh, Rochester, Pa., and Wellsville, O., to Cleveland, and from Cleveland to Chicago on the Lake Shore. The entire distance from Chicago to Baltimore by such a route would be less than 900 miles, or considerably shorter than any present route from this city to tide-water. If the rumor is true in regard to the sale to the Baltimore & Ohio should prove correct, it will be seen that the Pennsylvania Company has been outgeneraled by its most formidable rival. The connection from Cleveland westward, would, however, probably be the Lake Shore, and the Baltimore & Ohio Company, as a road is now being built, under its auspices, through the Northern counties of Ohio and Indiana, which (if the removed purchase of the Connellsville road is true), would probably be made to connect with the Baltimore & Ohio at Sandusky. Pa., and so give the company an independent short route to Chicago.

The announcement that the Supreme Court of the United States has revised—or, more correctly, reversed—its decision of last year in regard to greenbacks being a legal tender for debts contracted prior to February, 1862, shows that the assurance of the Chicago Bar that the decision was well grounded, the new Judges, Strong and Bradley, have done exactly as it was expected they would do, to go to the full extent of the Legal-Tender act, if they had the power, and to do it as far back as they could, instead of limiting the decision to the point before the Legal-Tender act was passed. They made a clean sweep of it. It will be remembered that Judge Bradley, in his dissent, argued that the validity of the other point had not been in issue in regard to Judge Swayne's opinion, and that, therefore, in that decision, to read it, and reversing the decision of the Legislature of the

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Illinois and Michigan Canal.

Southern Cotton Markets.

Pittsburgh Oil Market.

Produce Markets.

Attempt to Restrict Church Observances and Advertising Processions.

Decision of Brother Gaynor Endangered by a Tax Judgment.

The Common Council met yesterday evening. Present, 29 Aldermen, Zeisenheimer, Dixon, Orth, Hoyne, Gray, Colby, McAvoy, Whitney, Dempsey, Tracey, Schmeis, Bateman, Hoxie, Powell (W. S.), Salter, Powell (Geo.), Rossdale, Wiles, Walsh, Gleb, McCotter, Wilcox, Campbell, Gardner, Abel, Gill, McGrath, Beatty, Sullivan, Schlaus, Schaffner, Cursey, McCullough, McCauley, Clarke, Devine, Bonn, and Mr. President.

PETITIONS.

Petitions were presented relative to the extension of Mary street and the grade of West Washington street, to repeal the license of Twelfth street, for compensation for injuries caused by stir in lot of Sheridan road, for paving Grand street, for paving Blue Island avenue, from Twelfth to Eighteenth street, against widening North Branch, for a new police station, etc.

THE NEW POLICE MAGISTRATE.

Ald. Colby offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Police:

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to appoint Ald. Kleinschmidt, Ald. Gleb, Ald. Sullivan, and Ald. Hoxie, a committee to confer with the Mayor, and request the authority of the Council to elect, subject to the law, a police magistrate for the West Division, and to be directed to report forthwith.

The petition was laid on the table.

The Mayor announced the resignation of C. E. Moore, Police Magistrate in the West Division, and the necessity for the election of a successor.

It was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ORDINANCES IN CONTEMPLATION.

Ald. Montgomery offered a resolution relative to the passing of ordinances, in the shape of minutes, in the Council, and to the passing of ordinances, which, by unanimous consent, were allowed to lie over a week, and be published in the City Journal, for perusal and consideration, and be made the order of business for the following Tuesday evening.

It was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

The same individual also offered a resolution instructing the Corporation Counsel to prepare an ordinance restricting public processions for advertising purposes, and to report the same.

It was referred to the same committee.

The usual petition was offered, asking for the passage of an ordinance to compel the Illinois State Lottery, and of whatever else may be needed.

THE NEW PAVEMENT.

Ald. McAvoy offered a resolution, inviting the President and Superintendent of the city to Paradise O'Donovan'illion, in consideration of his personal services in the laying of the new pavement, to be let to.

Ald. Dempsey moved to lay it on the table.

The motion was declared, 21 ayes, 18 nays.

Ald. Dixon moved to reconsider, and the Chairman, Mr. Rossdale, declared the motion carried.

A motion to lay on the table was lost, 19 ayes, 19 nays, Ald. Dixon voting in the affirmative, and Ald. Johnson (having it from last night) voting in the negative.

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The Chair said he had voted in the affirmative under the present management, but evening, the question being the best for all concerned, and was Paradise.

Ald. Dempsey moved to lay the resolution on the table, but the performance was a failure, 19 ayes, 19 nays, Ald. Dixon voting in the affirmative, and Ald. Johnson voting in the negative.

Ald. Dempsey moved to reconsider, and the Chairman, Mr. Rossdale, declared the motion carried.

A resolution authorizing the Comptroller to advertise for proposals for loans of the old Bridge, well grounded, and the sale of the buildings, was passed.

WATER WORKS LOT.

Resolutions were offered relative to the conversion of a force around the Water Works lot, and instructing J. C. Wilson, Esq., and the Superintendent of Police to enlarge the Bridge Commission.

BRANCHES SCHOOL.

A communication was read, from the Board of Education relative to the purchase of a lot for the Desplaines school, and it was referred to the Committee on Schools, a proposal to offer a lot at a much lower price, and, by having been made by James Wood.

SCHOOL LOT.

A communication, from the City Comptroller, stated that judgment had been obtained against the property of Douglas Dunham, for taxes, for over $1,000, for street improvements, and suggesting immediate action, to prevent it from being lost.

Referred.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES.

The Board of Public Works, in reply to an inquiry, stated that the Commissioner of Lincoln Park had reported any change, based, that but a second instalment was passing in the county been collected, and that the Board of Public Works would be $1,000 in, that the $1,000 from the street railroad could not be collected. Ald. Dixon moved that the Board of Public Works be requested to report, and the Board of Public Works be requested to report, and the Board of Public Works be requested to report, and